

any company or any country they select. This ought to be troublesome, and yet it is not even on the radar screen in the political debates around our country today.

Certain public roads could become private in a hurry, which could impact canal access.

This Hutchison Whampoa deal includes U.S. Naval Station Rodman, as mentioned previously; U.S. Air Station Albrook; Diablo; Balboa, a Pacific U.S.-built port; Cristobal, an Atlantic U.S.-built port; the island of Telfers, strategically located adjacent to Galeto Island, a critical communications center.

Telfers Island is said to be the future home of a Chinese work in progress, an export zone, called the "Great Wall of China" project.

I cannot understand how we can ignore this presence into the Western Hemisphere. Monroe would turn over in his grave. The Monroe Doctrine said that foreign European nations, and other nations around the world, should stay out of the Western Hemisphere. Yet, here they are.

Law 5 is subservient to the 1977 treaty. But if we fail to notice the discrepancies and fail to act upon those discrepancies, or to point out there are potential compliance problems, then we lose the opportunity to respond.

As I said before, I don't have the easel here now, but it's 84 more days. We will come back next week, and I will come back with the chart and it will be 79 days, or whatever it happens to be. But as each day ticks off, another day goes by—another day we haven't talked to President Moscoso and we haven't tried to reopen the negotiations, and we are another day closer to turning the Panama Canal not over to the Panamanians, but to the Chinese Communists—and not a whimper from anybody in the State Department, or the President, the Defense Department, Presidential campaigns, or anywhere. So the days are getting short. I think that I have an obligation to tell the American people, on a day-to-day basis—remind them—about what is going on.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on October 7, 1999, he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 559. An act to designate the Federal building located at 300 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the "J.J. 'Jake' Pickle Federal Building."

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-5528. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Federal Bureau of In-

vestigation, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services Division Systems and Procedures" (RIN1105-AA63), received October 4, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5529. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Flood Insurance Program; Procedures and Fees for Processing Map Changes; 64 FR 51461; 09/23/99", received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5530. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5531. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety of Nuclear Explosive Operations" (AL 452.2A), received October 4, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5532. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Affairs transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Veterans Programs Improvement Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Veteran's Affairs.

EC-5533. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Enrollment-Provision of Hospital and Outpatient Care to Veterans" (RIN2900-AJ18), received October 4, 1999; to the Committee on Veteran's Affairs.

EC-5534. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1998 biennial report of the Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5535. A communication from the Commissioner of Social Security transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Extension Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5536. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 99-49), received September 27, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5537. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Customer Service Program" (Announcement 99-98, 1999-412 I.R.B.—, dated October 18, 1999), received October 4, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5538. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ethalfuralin; Reestablishment of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL #6383-2), received October 4, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5539. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tebuconazole; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL #6386-4), received October 4, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5540. A communication from the Director, Office of Procurement and Property Management, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Agriculture Acquisition Regulation: Part 415 Reorganization; Contracting by Negotiation" (RIN0599-AA07), received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5541. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Avocados Grown in South Florida and Imported Avocados; Revision of the Maturity Requirements for Fresh Avocados" (Docket No. FV99-915-2 FR), received October 4, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5542. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fresh Bartlett Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. FV99-931-1 FR), received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5543. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vidalia Onions Grown in Georgia; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. FV98-955-1 FIR), received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5544. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Modification of Procedures for Limiting the Volume of Small Red Seedless Grapefruit" (Docket No. FV99-905-4 IFR), received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5545. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Voluntary Egg, Poultry and Rabbit Grading Regulations" (Docket No. PY-99-904), received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5546. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Rule-Revision of Regulation for Mandatory Inspection (Flue-Cured Tobacco)" (Docket No. TB-99-07), received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5547. A communication from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule: General Administrative Regulations; Interpretations of Statutory and Regulatory Provisions" (RIN0563-AB74), received October 4, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5548. A communication from the Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the DoD annual financial audit of the uses of the Superfund; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5549. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and